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**FIRST WARD
NEWS**

At Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, of Guffey street, entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and Miss Dana Brown at dinner yesterday.

Diamond street M. E. church, J. B. Workman, pastor—Sunday school at 9:30; C. N. Martin, superintendent; sermon, 10:45, "Facing the New Year;" Junior League, 2:30; Daisy Watkins, superintendent; Epworth League, 6:30; Margaret Workman, leader; cottage prayer meetings at 7:30 Tuesday evening; prayer service Wednesday at 7:30, "The End of the Year;" Thursday from 2 p. m. until 12 o'clock midnight the pastor and family will keep open house and will be glad to have the members and friends of the church to feel free to come and go as they may find it convenient to do. Let us remember to pray for the anointing so much needed for the revival campaign which is to begin January 10. This "Home-like Church" is always glad to welcome strangers. Come and worship with us. Miss Adams will sing at the evening service Sunday. You will be delighted to hear her.

Entertained at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Springer, of Guffey street, entertained at dinner yesterday. The guests included Mrs. Lou Barnes and daughters, Misses Marguerite, Marie and Ruth and Miss Madge Barnes.

Went to Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jenkins are in Indianapolis, where they were called by the serious illness of the former's father.

At Christian Chapel.

Mr. Rawlins Bunner, of Pittsburgh, gave a very interesting talk at the Christian church on Columbia street last evening. He will also speak this evening at 7:30 o'clock, Sunday morning at 10:30 and Sunday evening at 7:30.

Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Herndon Pawcett and son, James, of Clarksburg, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas on Diamond street.

Mr. John Swartz is spending a week with relatives at Salem, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Powell, of Pittsburgh, are spending the holidays here. Miss Beattie Morrow went to Morgantown Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. George Frum.

Mr. Harry Drummond left Friday morning for his home at Grafton.

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Try Dike's Hepatic Salts—
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Where Quality and
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hand.



Scene from "The Woman He Could Not Buy" at the Grand tonight.

Predictions of Present Prophets Recall Career of Joanna Southcott

where he will spend some time. Mr. and Mrs. Criser, of Keyser, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rex on Guffey street for several days. Miss Russia Hickman, of Monteville, arrived here yesterday to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. Dorr Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Carpenter are visiting relatives at Colfax.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Jacobs spent today at Morgantown the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Little were guests of relatives at Colfax yesterday.

Miss Gertrude McElfresh, of Winfield, is visiting here for a few days.

WILL INSPECT STATE TROOPS

ORDERS FOR THE ANNUAL TOUR
HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY GEN.
JOHN C. BOND.

MAJOR WALLACE, U. S. A., WILL BE
IN FAIRMONT ON FEBRUARY
12-13.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 26.—Orders have been issued by Adjutant-General John C. Bond for the annual inspection of the West Virginia National Guard. The inspection of all the organizations except the medical corps will be made by Major William Wallace, United States Army, who is detailed as inspector-instructor of this state. The inspection of the medical corps and sanitary troops will be made by Major M. A. W. Shockley, who is stationed at Columbus, Ohio, and who is inspector-instructor of the sanitary troops of the several states, including West Virginia.

Following is the itinerary for the inspection:

Welch, January 30; Bluefield, January 21; Charleston, January 25-26; Huntington, February 1, 2 and 3; Ravenswood, February 4; Spencer, February 5; Parkersburg, February 8-9; Wellsburg, February 10; Littleton, February 11; Fairmont, February 12-13; Morgantown, February 16; Terra Alta, February 17; Clarksburg, February 18; Buckhannon, February 19; Weston, February 20; Sutton, February 22; Fayetteville, February 27; Piedmont, March 4-5; Charleston, March 12. Medical Corps and Sanitary Troops—Piedmont, February 3; Charleston, February 5; Bluefield, February 8.

COURT NEWS

Deeds Filed.

Deeds were yesterday filed with the county clerk for recording as follows: O. J. Graham and wife to Rachael T. Rice a parcel of land in Graham Heights addition to the city of Fairmont. Consideration, \$100.

Thomas L. Holt to Asby Rice a parcel of land in Paw Paw district. Consideration, \$1,000.

John H. Burns and wife to Albert Harris a parcel of land in the village of Rivesville. Consideration, \$1,500.

Licenses Issued.

The following marriage licenses were yesterday issued by the county clerk as follows:

Lloyd Murphy, 21, and Dessie Dock, 22, both of White Rock.

Dallie L. O'Dell, 20, and Lella Martin, 19, both of Hawk's Nest. J. A. Martin, father of the girl, gave his consent in writing. Joseph J. O'Dell, father of the boy, gave his consent in person.

Milton G. Stevens, 27, and Birdie Phillips, 21, both of Fairmont.

Willie C. Wright, 22, and Minnie A. Tennant, 25, both of Fairview.

Russell G. Roberts, 24, and Elsie Bartholow, 17, both of Fairmont. Curt Bartholow, father of the girl, gave his consent in person.

"In view of the strong Bible evidence we consider it an established truth that the final end of the Kingdom of this world and the full establishment of the Kingdom of God will be accomplished by the end of A. D. 1914."

This was the prediction made a quarter of a century ago by the Rev. Chas. T. Russell, the leader of the sect formally known as International Bible Students, but popularly as "Millennial Dawners."

The end of 1914 is now at hand, and while the numerous disciples of Russell are confidently awaiting the ushering in of the great day, the vast multitude of unregenerate humanity are "standing pat" and going about their customary duties.

The predictions of Rev. Russell, who has given publicity to his views in the press of nearly all nations, and of a host of other present-day prophets who see it in the European conflagration the beginning of the end of the world, are reminiscent of the career of Joanna Southcott, an English religious enthusiast and prophetess who had a host of followers in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

This Sunday will mark the centenary of the death of Joanna Southcott, as she passed away, to the consternation and dismay of her ardent followers, on Dec. 27, 1814, just as modern prophets see in the present war a forewarning of the Day of Judgment, so Joanna Southcott perceived in the Napoleonic conflicts the promise of a speedy end of the world. She was not without that quality called magnetism, and she convinced thousands of English people that she possessed mysterious and supernatural powers of divination.

Joanna Southcott was born about 1750, of a poor and obscure family, and she herself remained poor and obscure until she was about forty years old. It was then that she began to preach her strange doctrines, declaring that she was the woman mentioned in the twelfth chapter of the Book of Revelation.

She asserted that Jesus was destined to return to the earth and that she was divinely appointed to become his mother. The American and French revolutions and the subsequent Napoleonic wars helped to convince many that she was a true prophetess, for from the first days of her "mission" she proclaimed that the birth of the Messiah would follow a long period of terrible and bloody warfare, such as the world had never witnessed before.

Although practically without education, Joanna Southcott had learned to read and write, and she turned out vast quantities of "literature" in elaboration of her views. Most of her "inspired" revelations were unintelligible, but that made them all the more convincing to her deluded adherents. Joanna, for all her fervent belief that the world was soon to come to an end, did not overlook the possibilities of profit, and for years she obtained an excellent income from the sale of "mystic seals" which were to insure salvation to those who wore them on the day of final accounting.

Although Joanna did not obtain that wide publicity for her notions which is possible today, the delusions she fostered spread all over England and even overseas, and whenever she appeared in public she was hailed with the reverence befitting one who was to become the mother of a god.

The last year of Joanna's life was the period of her greatest glory. Early in 1814, when the prophetess was about sixty-four years old, she assumed the appearance of a woman about to become a mother.

A brief armed peace had followed the long series of Napoleonic wars. This was certainly the time of times for the ushering in of "the Kingdom of God." Those who had scoffed at Joanna's pretensions now became her devoted followers, eager to buy the magic seals which would assure them of an eternal home in the realm of the saved. Several physicians were convinced that Joanna's hopes of motherhood were about to be realized.

While the great majority of Joanna's disciples were ignorant and unlettered folk, there were a few educated people among them. Three clergymen were among those who were of this "army of the Lord." One Anglican clergyman was so earnest in his devotion to Joanna's claims that he publicly declared he would resign his livin' if the Messiah was not born to "the holy Joanna" at the expected time.

On the twenty-seventh of December, 1814, Joanna Southcott died. Her followers at first refused to believe that she was really dead, and insisted on keeping her body until it was in a stage of active decomposition.

A post mortem examination of the body proved that disease was responsible for the appearance which had resulted in so widely spreading the delusion.

Even after Joanna Southcott had been laid in her grave, many of the most devoted of her followers retained their faith. They declared that she would soon rise again, with the infant Messiah in her arms, and that her appearance would usher in the period of the world's regeneration.

Thousands of Joanna's male followers took a solemn oath that they would not shave or cut their hair until Joanna's resurrection. As late as half a century ago there were left in England two or three men with beards that reached their waists and long, flowing hair, relics of the Southcott delusion. In 1864 an English writer, visiting Chatham, in Kent, wrote that "in this vicinity there are several families of Joanna Southcott's disciples residing together, the men remarkable for the great length of their beards and hair, and all for a marked peculiarity of manners and appearance."

For years after her death the grave of Joanna Southcott, in the burial ground of the chapel of St. John's Wood, in London, was a place of pious pilgrimage. A stone was erected to mark the grave, and on it her followers, unshaken in their faith, inscribed her claims to divinity.

Thousands of other prophets, before and since Joanna's days, have predicted the end of the world. In all probability, thousands more will arise in the centuries to come. Each has claimed and will claim his deluded followers. Like time and space, human credulity is infinite and without known limitations.

Speaking of Busy Weeks.

We hear that Mrs. Uriel Cummings Mable, of Sturgis, has within the past week presented her husband with twin daughters—Burr Oak (Mich.)

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Mr. Arthur L. Pierce, 2618 Sheridan Ave., St. Louis, Mo. "The curative value of Peruna is truly wonderful. I think it especially valuable as a specific for catarrh of the system, and for a man who has traveled for years as I have and who is certainly exposed to irregular meals and uncomfortable sleeping accommodations, Peruna is one of his best and most needed traveling companions. It throws off disease and keeps him well. I therefore heartily recommend it." Those who object to liquid medicines can now procure Peruna Tablets.

HIS SLEEP TALK CAUSES WIFE TO SHOOT A WOMAN

MRS. PORTER INVADERS MRS. K. SPRING'S RESIDENCE IN CHICAGO.

SENDS TWO BULLETS INTO HER THIGH AFTER DENOUNCING HER.

SAYS HUSBY IN DREAM A DATE WITH THE BEAUTY DOCTOR.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Because of the somnolency of her spouse, Mrs. Elizabeth Porter is in jail and Mrs. Kathryn Spring, who is a beauty doctor, a widow and a grandmother of extraordinary juvenility, is in Saint Ann's hospital with two bullets in her thigh.

Mrs. Porter invaded Mrs. Spring's beauty parlor last evening, denounced her and then blazed away. Afterward Mrs. Porter told the police:

"My husband talks in his sleep. Once I heard him clearly tell some woman of whom he was dreaming that he would meet her at Mrs. Marshall Southwick's house. So I went to Mrs. Southwick's at No. 5212 Madison street and pleaded with her to tell the name of the woman my husband was to meet. She said she'd tell me if I guessed the right name.

"Some neighbors had told me about Mrs. Spring and I named her. Mrs. Southwick nodded that I was right and began to cry.

"Thought of Baby Crazed Her. At this point Mrs. Porter paused in her narrative to ask:

"How was the woman I shot? I hope she lives. You see, I didn't mean to shoot her. I became suddenly insane when I faced her. The neighbors told me she had said many mean things about my baby—that my husband wasn't its father—after she had taken him away from me.

"When I saw her I screamed: 'You've got my husband, but for God's sake leave my baby alone!' I struck her then, but didn't mean to or to kill her.

2 Killed, One Hurt By Train

THREE MEN WERE WALKING ON THE TRACK WHEN STRUCK BY ENGINE.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 26.—Two men were killed and another probably fatally injured when struck by a shifting engine at Broad Ford Station, on the Mt. Pleasant branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

THE DEAD.

Harry Klingensmith, aged 35, married.

Thomas Loster, aged 24, single.

THE INJURED.

James McNulty, aged, single; skull fractured and internally injured.

The three men were going home to Morgan, a mining town, when the accident occurred. The bodies of Klingensmith and Loster were mangled. McNulty was brought to the Cottage hospital here.

WORTHINGTON.

Miss Madge Brumage has resumed her duties as assistant postmaster.

Leslie F. Davis, of Urbana, Ohio, is visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Beatrice McIntire, who has been attending the Shenandoah Collegiate Institute at Dayton, Va., is at home for the holidays.

Frank E. Dent, of Fairmont, an old Worthington boy, is filling the position of night operator at the B. & O. station.

A new semaphore has been erected here and we understand the day operator will be transferred from Wheeling to Worthington and that office discontinued.

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There will be at least two tickets in the field for the municipal election on January 7, as a convention has been called for Saturday evening.

John L. Brumage, of the Moundsville Bottling Works, is spending the holidays with his parents here.

The Wells-Fargo Express office looks like a wholesale package establishment these days. The Yost law is certainly being violated.

Harry Preston, who was indicted by the recent session of the grand jury on a forgery charge, was arrested last week by Constable Barnett and taken to jail at Fairmont.

A warrant was issued by Justice J. Lane Parrish last Friday for Mason Wright, charged with stealing a gold watch, jewelry and clothing. George Nichols was the complaining witness. So far Mr. Wright has eluded the officers.

of the party or parties taking the calendars.

The West Virginian calendars were the largest made, showing the famous picture, "A Honeymoon in Venice," and the calendars can easily be identified by the printing.

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State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that I am a partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.
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HOTEL CLERKS TO MEET DEC. 31

WILL HAVE A FINE PROGRAM
FOR THEIR ANNUAL STATE
SESSION.

P. J. WRIGHT OF THIS CITY IS
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
OF ASSOCIATION.

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 26.—Arrangements for the annual convention of hotel clerks of West Virginia are about completed, it was announced Tuesday. The program embraces many interesting features. Last year they met at Wheeling and next year Huntington will probably get the call, no Parkersburg will this year try and show the boys a few things. The headquarters will be at the Monroe hotel.

The first day of the session will be given over to greetings and entertainment. In the evening the visitors will visit a theater. On December 31, however, they will hold their business meeting and will have a dinner at the Monroe. An automobile ride will be a feature. The evening the annual banquet will be served at the Chancellor hotel. It is announced that James R. Stokes, of the Continental hotel, of Philadelphia will be a guest. He is national president of the hotel clerks.

The present officers of the West Virginia association are: Simon Young, Wheeling, president; P. J. White, Fairmont, first vice president; William Nern, Parkersburg, second vice president; H. E. Stalaker, secretary, and Harry McClure, of Wheeling, treasurer.

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Five dollars reward will be paid for information leading to recovery of 1915 calendars of the West Virginian and the Farmers Free Press taken from the room in the Jacobs building formerly occupied by the West Virginian. The reward will be paid for information disclosing the name

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